

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT FOR TAPE WRITE IMMEDIATE
OPERATIONS**

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A method for writing data in a tape drive is provided by the present invention. The present invention provides a method for writing data in a tape drive. The invention include allocating a blank area for transpose writing on a magnetic tap and then writing a first group of data sets on the magnetic tape adjacent to the blank area. The tape drive maintains full operating speed during intervals between writing successive data sets, resulting in spaces between the data sets. At a specified interval, the drive repositions the tape writes a transposed data block to the allocated blank area, wherein the transposed data block contains the same content as the first group of data sets. A new blank area for transpose writing is then allocated adjacent to the recently transposed data block.